

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Takao HARADA, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/552,465

GAU: 1793

FILED: October 7, 2005

EXAMINER: ZHU, WEIPING

FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING IMPROVED COAL FOR USE IN  
METALLURGY, AND METHOD FOR PRODUCING REDUCED METAL AND  
SLAG CONTAINING OXIDIZED NONFERROUS METAL

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
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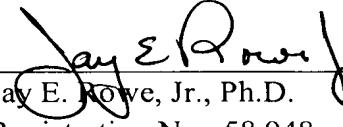
It is hereby requested that a **one** month extension of time be granted to January 29, 2009 for

- filing a response to the Official Action dated:
- responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
- responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
- filing a Notice of Appeal. A timely response to the final rejection, due December 29, 2008 has been filed. A RCE is being filed concurrently herewith.
- filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

The required fee of \$130.00 is being made by credit card payment online (if electronically filed), or is attached hereto (if paper filed), and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. 15-0030.

Respectfully Submitted,

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